



— CAROLINAS —
CREDIT UNION
FOUNDATION

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

2026-2027

FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT

SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT

COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT



Foundation General Scholarship Awards

\$47,500 AWARDED!

\$5,000 HBCU Scholarship

Markaiah Graham (NC)
John Jackson (SC)

Family Trust
Greenville

Fayetteville State University
Claflin University

\$5,000 Opportunity Scholarship

Evelyn Angeles Alarcon
Abigale Iva Corbett

SECU
Mountain CU

Appalachian State University
Western Carolina University

\$2,000 Foundation Scholarship Award

Carly Ball

Champion

Appalachian State University

\$1,000 Foundation Scholarship Award

Alivia Smith
Angie Cortez Zaragoza
Avery Wood
Blu Martin
Connor Thompson
Ellingson Kernaghan
Ian Peasley
Ke'Mora Camp-Dowdle
Koryn Wimblery
Kristal Giordano
Laylah Williams
Logan Church
Luke Waldhauer
Moorea Barbee
Morgan Buckrham
Nichole Scott
Paige Williams
Pamela Moses
Sebastian LaRoche
Tyra Glasgow
Zomorian Gibson

Carolina Foothills
Latino CCU
HealthShare
Caro
Revity
Carolinas Telco
SECU
Founders
Curis Financial
Allegacy
Sharonview
Allegacy
SRP
Vision Financial
Skyla/SECU
CPM
Carolina
SPC
Coastal
Palmetto Citizens
SAFE

Clemson University
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
University of South Carolina
University of South Carolina
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Clemson University
North Carolina State University
Winston-Salem State University
Claflin University
University of North Carolina at Greensboro
Johnson C Smith University
University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Clemson University
High Point University
University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Howard University
Appalachian State University
University of South Carolina
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Hampton University
Elizabeth City State

\$500 Foundation Scholarship Award

Alexis Huerta
Amaryah Thomas
Amirah Jones
Dalton Smith
Eileen Stephens
Gracie Isgett
Jace Abraham
James Brown
Tara Marshall

Champion
Coastal
Greenville Heritage
SECU
Sharonview
SPC
Truliant
SAFE
Champion

Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College
Appalachian State University
Greenville Technical College
Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College
Cape Fear Community College
Florence Darlington Technical College
Catawba Valley Community College
Central Carolina Technical College
Blue Ridge Community College

2026-2027 AWARDED SCHOLARSHIPS

The Carolinas Credit Union Foundation's Scholarship Fund Management Program, which is comprised of a collection of funds from individual credit unions, was established to help credit union members in North and South Carolina with higher education expenses.

In addition to the \$47,500 in Foundation awards to 35 members, a total of 297 members received \$594,500 in scholarships from credit union partners. The Foundation is honored to serve as partner in philanthropy to credit unions and congratulates all of this year's scholarship recipients.

Acclaim Federal Credit Union Ed Thomas Community Service Scholarship

Sophia Mejia

\$1,000

Southern Methodist University

Allegacy Financial Scholarship

Jessiah Ijames

\$10,000

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Crystal Bates

\$10,000

University of North Carolina at Wilmington

Carolina Foothills Federal Credit Union Scholarship

Kam'Ron Hopper

\$4,000

North Carolina A&T State University

Madelyn Wilder

\$2,000

Clemson University

Mason Guion

\$2,000

Augusta University

Lekesa Whitner

\$2,000

Converse University

Carolina Trust Federal Credit Union Community Service Scholarship

Lucy Truesdale

\$5,000

Clemson University

Carolina Trust Federal Credit Union Legacy Scholarship

Kimberly Toney

\$5,000

Coastal Carolina University

Carolinas Telco Federal Credit Union Legacy Scholarship

Alexandria Hendren

\$2,000

University of Miami

Alli Kimble

\$2,000

Clemson University

Breanna Oliver

\$2,000

Johnson & Wales University

Carter Wright

\$2,000

North Carolina State University

Finn Cole

\$2,000

North Carolina State University

Graham Martin

\$2,000

Gaston College

Michelle Phillips

\$2,000

East Carolina University

Nicholas Lenfestey

\$2,000

Duke University

Raymond Kastner

\$2,000

Columbia International University

Sara Eskridge

\$2,000

North Carolina State University

Champion Credit Union A. Roland Leatherwood Scholarship

Addison Passmore	\$1,000	North Carolina State University
Avery Arrington	\$1,000	Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College
Breanne Haynes	\$1,000	Anderson University
Haley Lopez	\$1,000	East Tennessee State University
Jesse Jakubielski	\$1,000	Appalachian State University
Keegan Kirkpatrick	\$1,000	Davidson College
Keirra Hurst	\$1,000	Furman University
Kennedy Conard	\$1,000	Western Carolina University
Kinsey Martin	\$1,000	Western Carolina University
Kyla Christensen	\$1,000	University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Logan Russell	\$1,000	Lander University
Matthew Bennett	\$1,000	North Carolina State University
Matthew Thomas	\$1,000	Western Carolina University

Coastal Credit Union Scholarship

Alexa Goble	\$2,000	Savannah College of Art and Design
Andrew Hoppen	\$2,000	University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Austin Krueger	\$2,000	Duke University
Ava Lane Spey	\$2,000	North Carolina State University
Douglas Murphy	\$5,000	Western Carolina University
Elizabeth O'Leary	\$2,000	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Eric Polinsky	\$5,000	East Carolina University
Kai Odour	\$2,000	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Lacie Holman	\$2,000	Auburn University
Leah Tang	\$2,000	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Liliyah Mitchell	\$2,000	North Carolina State University
Madison Northup	\$5,000	Appalachian State University
Mary Sopp	\$5,000	North Carolina State University
Sophia Sisolak	\$2,000	East Carolina University
Tierrah Simmons	\$5,000	University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Zahra Attari	\$2,000	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Curis Financial Credit Union Scholarship

Jayden Tinch	\$2,500	Piedmont Technical College
Jonathan Gantt	\$2,500	University of South Carolina
Kyla Wimberly	\$2,500	University of South Carolina
Zoe Magun	\$2,500	College of Charleston

Family Trust Federal Credit Union Penny Pratt Scholarship

Lydia Chisolm	\$5,000	Winthrop University
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Family Trust Federal Credit Union Eddie Reeves Scholarship

Michael Wade	\$5,000	University of South Carolina
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Greenville Federal Credit Union Scholarship

Alex Woodhouse	\$1,000	Wofford College
Cesia Tomas-Miguel	\$1,000	Greenville Technical College
Elijah McCann	\$1,000	University of South Carolina
Henrique Shiota Timmers Montandon	\$1,000	University of South Carolina
Katherine Williams	\$5,000	University of South Carolina
Kaylee Penkowski	\$1,000	Greenville Technical College

HopeSouth Federal Credit Union Scholarship

Ashton Crocker	\$1,000	Clemson University
Lillie Stone	\$1,000	Tri County Technical College
Mikhelyn Bowie	\$1,000	University of South Carolina

Lion's Share Federal Credit Union Scholarship

Ariel Keaton	\$2,000	East Carolina University
Brooke Vander Pol	\$2,000	Appalachian State University
Jenny Hansborough	\$2,000	College of the Albemarle

Members Credit Union Betty Stevenson Scholarship

Amy Shealy	\$1,000	University of South Carolina
Chad Rheuark	\$1,000	North Carolina State University

Members Credit Union Bill Titsworth Scholarship Award

Nadia Hairston	\$1,000	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
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Members Credit Union Daniel H. Elkins Jr. Scholarship Award

Jackson Barrett	\$1,000	University of North Carolina at Charlotte
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Members Credit Union Eric Stiff Scholarship

Mira Fogle	\$4,000	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
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Members Credit Union Jack Braswell Scholarship

Sophia Turner	\$1,000	North Carolina State University
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Members Credit Union John R. Loftin Scholarship

Cassie Good	\$2,000	Western Carolina University
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Members Credit Union General Scholarship

Abigail Jarman	\$1,000	Western Carolina University
Allen Negrete Granados	\$1,000	Forsyth Technical Community College
Andrew Swink	\$1,000	North Carolina State University
Angela Johnson	\$1,000	Fayetteville State University
Ashtyn Parker	\$1,000	Mitchell Community College
Azaire Stephens	\$1,000	Bladen Community College
Brighde Mullen	\$1,000	University of Virginia at Wise
Brily Moore	\$1,000	Catawba College
Chrissy McGirt	\$1,000	Robeson Community College
Christian Gwosdz	\$1,000	North Carolina State University
Daisy Fesperman	\$1,000	Liberty University
Desmond Johnson	\$1,000	Emory University
Grady Phillips	\$1,000	Wake Forest University
Imagine Dyer	\$1,000	East Carolina University
Isabella Brown	\$1,000	University of North Carolina at Greensboro
Lauren Seaford	\$1,000	Lenoir-Rhyne University
Malcolm Dennis	\$1,000	North Carolina A&T State University
Mary Seaford	\$1,000	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Max Dyer	\$1,000	University of Alabama
Nicole Beal	\$1,000	High Point University
Nicole E Blalock	\$1,000	Appalachian State University
Rachel Jennings	\$1,000	University of Washington
Raven Houston	\$1,000	High Point University
Reese Wooten	\$5,000	North Carolina State University
Sarah Akiwumi	\$1,000	North Carolina A&T State University
Scott Johnson	\$1,000	Coastal Carolina University
Tristan Singleton	\$1,000	Mount Olive University
William Shealy	\$1,000	University of South Carolina
Zoey Sprinkle	\$1,000	University of North Carolina at Wilmington

MTC Federal Credit Union Scholarship

Blake Hydrick	\$1,500	Clemson University
Haley Knarr	\$1,500	Clemson University
Jacob Wright	\$1,500	Clemson University
John Schoenmaker	\$1,500	Clemson University
Lauren Burger	\$1,500	Lander University
Malachi Ritter	\$1,500	Anderson University
Morgan Henderson	\$1,500	Winthrop University
Nicholas Lister	\$1,500	Tri County Technical College
Srinidhi Thammana	\$1,500	Georgia Institute of Technology

Palmetto Citizens Federal Credit Union Scholarship

Addison Marcy	\$1,000	Charleston Southern University
Aimee Lam	\$1,000	Anderson University
Amber Martin	\$1,000	University of South Carolina
Angelina Maurice	\$1,000	Greenville Technical College
Aniyah Hodges	\$1,000	Claflin University
Aniyah Latimer	\$1,000	University of South Carolina

Braylen Creech	\$1,000
Caroline Boone	\$1,000
Chloe Carstensen	\$1,000
Emma Linfert	\$1,000
Emmaline Dusenbury	\$1,000
Gabrielle Crocker	\$1,000
Gunnar Mein	\$1,000
Hannah Holt	\$1,000
Isabella Harmon	\$1,000
Jaxson Smith	\$1,000
Joseph Robinson	\$1,000
Joshua Barnes	\$1,000
Lucas McMahan	\$1,000
Lucy Dent	\$1,000
Madison Derrick	\$1,000
Raleigh Hoffman	\$1,000
Spencer Nickle	\$1,000
Trevon Williams	\$1,000
Yohanna Watson	\$1,000

Clemson University
University of South Carolina
Midlands Technical College
Clemson University
Clemson University
University of South Carolina
Clemson University
Clemson University
University of South Carolina
Skidmore College
University of South Carolina
Winthrop University
University of South Carolina Beaufort
Lander University
University of South Carolina
University of North Carolina at Wilmington
Clemson University
South Carolina State University
Trinity College (Ireland)

Piedmont Advantage Credit Union Scholarship

Ashley Makell	\$1,000
Austin Imes Jr	\$1,000
Jacob Heim	\$1,000
Kyera Combs	\$1,000
Lucas Chalco	\$1,000
Victoria Robinson	\$1,000

University of North Carolina at Greensboro
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
North Carolina State University
Georgia Southern University
Johnson & Wales University
University of North Carolina at Wilmington

Revity Federal Credit Union Scholarship

Jazmin Orona	\$1,000
William Thompson	\$1,000

University of North Carolina at Charlotte
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

SAFE Federal Credit Union Scholarship

Alaysia Portee	\$2,500
Ethan Budden	\$2,500
Hollie Self	\$2,500
Jernee Ford	\$2,500
Jonathan Abbott	\$2,500
Jordyn Buck	\$2,500
Morgan Conklin	\$2,500
Rylee Stephens	\$2,500
Saniyah House	\$2,500
Serena Oder	\$2,500
Ziaier Bryant	\$2,500

University of South Carolina
University of South Carolina
Wofford College
Florida Memorial University
University of South Carolina
Tri County Technical College
Newberry College
Clemson University
University of South Carolina
Lander University
University of South Carolina Upstate

Sharonview CARES Paul Paliyenko Scholarship

Abigail Canipe	\$2,000	Coastal Carolina University
Alyssa Milton	\$2,000	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Brylee Greene	\$2,000	Clemson University
Christian Roberts	\$5,000	Western Carolina University
Ja-Imoni Haygood	\$2,000	Winthrop University
Jocelyn Sanchez	\$2,000	Anderson University
Raygan Short	\$2,000	College of the Holy Cross
Robert Earls	\$2,000	University of North Carolina at Greensboro
Roman Fisher	\$5,000	Wingate University
Spencer Hirsch	\$2,000	Cornell University
Tyrra Ferguson	\$2,000	University of South Carolina

Sharonview Team Phil Abrams Scholarship

Jillian Brand	\$5,000	Clemson University
Kathleen Griffin	\$5,000	University of South Carolina

Skyla Federal Credit Union Herman Hoose Scholarship

Ava Shiflett	\$5,000	University of North Carolina at Wilmington
Cyrah Hardy	\$5,000	Winston-Salem State University
Elise Bankston	\$5,000	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Evelyn Diaz	\$5,000	University of North Carolina at Wilmington
Indika Bridgewater	\$5,000	University of North Carolina at Greensboro
Jacqueline Urena	\$5,000	University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Jaelle Garvin	\$5,000	North Carolina A&T State University
Jordyn Allison	\$5,000	University of South Carolina
Makayla McDowell	\$5,000	Western Carolina University
Milan Phillips	\$5,000	Winston-Salem State University
Shaelah Rice	\$5,000	North Carolina State University
Vicktoria Lee	\$5,000	North Carolina A&T State University
Zaniah McDowell	\$5,000	Spelman College
Zoe Ntim	\$5,000	The University of St. Andrews (UK)

SPC Credit Union Scholarship

DeMonte Pendergrass	\$1,000	Morehouse College
Hannah Humphries	\$1,000	Converse University
Hannah James	\$1,000	Florence-Darlington Technical College
Isaac Smith	\$1,000	Liberty University
JaKarr Spivey	\$1,000	University of South Carolina
Matthew Adams	\$1,000	Winthrop University
Sara Hall	\$1,000	Clemson University
Zoe Sanders	\$1,000	Clemson University

Summit Credit Union's Elizabeth Hamilton Scholarship

Aaliyah Martin	\$500	Winston-Salem State University
Abby Ragan	\$2,000	Columbia International University
Abranshka Richardson-Boria	\$2,000	University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Adedayo Adekanle	\$2,000	North Carolina A&T State University
Adedeji Adekanle	\$2,500	North Carolina A&T State University
Aiyanna Medina-Antunez	\$2,000	Winston-Salem State University
Amaya Wright	\$2,000	Winston-Salem State University
Anja Petrovic	\$1,000	University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Aryalyn Stewart	\$500	Guilford Technical Community College
Ashley Brown	\$2,000	Lynchburg College
Asyah Smith	\$2,000	Winston-Salem State University
Austin Crabtree	\$2,000	William Peace University
Ava Shaw	\$2,000	University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Brianna Davis	\$2,000	East Carolina University
Brook Stroud	\$2,000	Liberty University
Camden Winfree	\$2,000	Surry Community College
Carlee Farlow	\$2,000	Appalachian State University
Carson Bess	\$2,000	Appalachian State University
Charlotte Brown	\$500	DeVry University
Chey Johnson	\$2,000	University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Chrisha Bayotas	\$2,000	Cape Fear Community College
Clara Ponzi	\$2,000	Appalachian State University
Courtney Every	\$2,000	University of Wisconsin
Dannae Lynn Camack White	\$1,000	Columbia Southern University
Dylan Smith	\$500	Guilford Technical Community College
Elisia Stewart	\$500	NC Agricultural & Technical State University
Elizabeth Breher	\$2,000	University of North Carolina at Wilmington
Evie Corn	\$2,500	Western Carolina University
Faith Smith	\$2,000	Catawba Valley Community College
Gabrielle Carter	\$2,000	University of North Carolina at Greensboro
Grace Smith	\$2,000	Catawba Valley Community College
Grayson Heckle	\$2,000	University of Alabama
Hannah Bush	\$2,000	Lenoir Rhyne University
Isabella Brown	\$2,000	University of North Carolina at Greensboro
Jagger Zeidel	\$2,500	North Carolina State University
Jake Johnson	\$2,000	Western Carolina University
Jalen Ferrell	\$500	North Carolina A&T State University
Javien Williams	\$2,000	Guilford Technical Community College
Jayla Ellerbe	\$2,000	NC Agricultural & Technical State University
Jiwan Roberson	\$2,000	University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Jody Chatham	\$2,500	Carolina University
Jordan Miller	\$2,000	North Carolina A&T State University
Julianna Nuzzo	\$2,000	University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Kaori Gonzales	\$2,000	University of North Carolina at Greensboro
Karen Chileshe	\$2,000	University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Katherine Mitcheltree	\$2,000	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Keenyah King	\$500	University of North Carolina at Pembroke
Keyanna Tate	\$2,000	University of North Carolina at Greensboro
Kimberly Barnard	\$2,500	Winston-Salem State University
Kristen-Faith Aleghe	\$2,000	North Carolina A&T State University

LaKoya Price	\$2,500	Howard University
Latisha Phillips	\$2,000	Liberty University
Latoya Bethea	\$500	Southern New Hampshire University
Laura Lewis	\$2,000	NC Central University
Laura Strader	\$2,000	University of North Carolina at Greensboro
Layla Wade	\$2,000	North Carolina A&T State University
Leah Ellerby	\$2,000	East Carolina University
Letoshia Thompson	\$500	Guilford Technical Community College
Levi Campbell	\$2,000	High Point University
Lillian Nuzzo	\$2,000	Central Piedmont Community College
Lindsay Erskine	\$2,000	University of North Carolina at Wilmington
Mallena Gogovi	\$2,000	University of North Carolina at Greensboro
Marcus Woodberry	\$500	University of North Carolina at Pembroke
Mattison Cheek	\$2,500	East Carolina University
Michaela Pegram	\$2,000	Lenoir Rhyne University
Michelle Warren	\$2,000	Guilford Technical Community College
Nathan Hall	\$2,500	Surry Community College
Nicholas Lenfestey	\$2,000	Duke University
Payton Cheek	\$2,000	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Preethika Muttuluri	\$2,000	North Carolina State University
Robena Griffin	\$1,000	Guilford Technical Community College
Sarah McNeil	\$2,000	Mars Hill University
Savannah Cauthen	\$2,000	High Point University
Sheneka Malloy	\$2,000	High Point University
Summer Jackson	\$2,000	Randolph Community College
Tanner Simpson	\$2,000	North Carolina State University
Tete Obobi	\$500	Guilford Technical Community College
Tremaine Spruill	\$1,000	DeVry University
Tyler Lo	\$1,000	Catawba Valley Community College
Tyler Montgomery	\$1,000	Winston-Salem State University
Wayana Brown-Warren	\$2,000	Winston-Salem State University
Zoe Atkins	\$2,500	University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Summit-Century Elizabeth Hamilton Scholarship

Ava Kelly	\$1,000	Appalachian State University
Elizabeth Allen	\$1,000	North Carolina State University
Henry Nichols	\$1,000	North Carolina State University

Summit-Oxford Elizabeth Hamilton Scholarship

Emma Haynes	\$1,000	University of Mount Olive
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Telco Community Credit Union Scholarship

Asher Blackwood	\$1,000	North Carolina State University
Astoria Lee	\$1,000	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Brianna Barnett	\$1,000	University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Jacob Quade	\$1,000	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Jaden Gibson	\$1,000	Furman University
Kyla Christensen	\$1,000	University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Rebecca Feimster	\$1,000	Caldwell Community College

Truliant Federal Credit Union Fred Sarda Scholarship

Addison Anderson	\$2,000	Spelman College
Alexis Agurs	\$2,000	Winston-Salem State University
Allison Ciriza-Enciso	\$2,000	University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Alyssa Milton	\$2,000	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Ava Lynch	\$2,000	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Blake Montgomery	\$2,000	Embry Riddle Aeronautical University
Camille Johnson	\$2,000	North Carolina A&T State University
Camryn Russell	\$2,000	Cleveland Community College
Gabriella Primus	\$2,000	University of North Carolina at Charlotte
George Lewis	\$2,000	North Carolina State University
Hannah Hinshaw	\$2,000	North Carolina State University
Jamia Spencer	\$2,000	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Jisele Reaves	\$2,000	Clemson University
Joaly Adame Rodriguez	\$2,000	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Kaelee McCants	\$2,000	University of North Carolina at Greensboro
Kylie Evans	\$2,000	Wingate University
Madison Fox	\$2,000	Virginia Tech University
Molly Smith	\$2,000	Clemson University
Wenda McLaurin	\$2,000	Elon University

Truliant Federal Credit Union Clyde Padgett Scholarship

Kinley Johnson	\$2,500	Davidson College
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Vision Financial Federal Credit Union Scholarship

Aubree Spreitzer	\$1,000	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
DonNasia Harper	\$1,000	Old Dominion University
Madison O'Dell	\$1,000	Charleston Southern University

About the Scholarship Management Program

As a partner in philanthropy, the Carolinas Foundation manages scholarship programs for credit unions. We handle the communications to the applicants and the disbursement of funds to the schools. Our scholarship fee is based on the number of scholarships awarded. Credit unions are able to use the Foundation's secure online application and judging portal but can also elect to use its own application.

In order to qualify and apply through the secure online portal, an applicant must be a member of a North or South Carolina credit union and have a non-weighted GPA of 3.0 or higher. All applicants are eligible for consideration by the Carolinas Foundation for its academic and needs-based scholarships, including credit union employees. If an applicant is eligible for scholarships from several credit unions, they may select multiple credit unions on the application.

The scholarship cycle runs from October to the beginning of February each year. For more information, visit carolinasfoundation.org or email the Foundation at scholarships@carolinasfoundation.org.



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